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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNIZES AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPER

Rockwall, Texas, October 15, 2002 — USDA Rural Development today announced that Margo Neilson has been selected as the Area # 3 Community Developer of the Year. Bryan Daniel, State Director presented the award at Helping Hands.

Margo Neilson was nominated by the McKinney Local Office to represent Area # 3 and in a statewide competition. Area # 3 covers the counties of Rockwall, Dallas, Fannin, Grayson, Denton and Hunt.

The Community Developer of the Year is a person or group, private or public, who has utilized at least one USDA Rural Development program to improve conditions in a rural community.

“We are pleased that Ms. Neilson is being recognized as the 2002 Area # 3 Community Developer of the Year,” said Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director. “She has served rural residents by serving on numerous comitees, serving a director of Rockwall County Helping Hands, and overseeing numerous social service program serving the residents of Rockwall County.”

USDA Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in all of rural America. Financial programs support such essential public facilities and services as water and sewer systems, housing, health clinics, emergency service facilities and electric and telephone service. It is USDA Rural Development’s goal to promote economic development by supporting loans to businesses through banks and community-managed lending pools. Technical assistance and information is available to help communities undertake community empowerment programs and assist agricultural and other cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their member services.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, call the McKinney Local Service Center at (972) 542-0081, Extension 4.

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